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SUBJECT Purchase of Steel for
Construction of Sheds

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SUPPLEMENT TO
REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

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1. The Building and Construction Branch of USIA has contracted with the Linzer Eisenhandels G.m.b.H., Figulystrasse 32, Linz, to purchase 404.6 tons of structural steel and corrugated sheet iron. Credit for 1,350,134 Schillings in favor of the Linzer Eisenhandels G.m.b.H. has been provided by the Soviet Military Bank through the Creditanstalt, Vienna. Payments will be made as the material is received by Bahnbedarf Neu-Erlaa, a USIA-controlled firm.
2. The Linzer Eisenhandels G.m.b.H. has contracted to supply the steel from Voest and the sheet metal from Alpine Montangesellschaft. Hitzinger & Co. of Annagasse 2, Linz,* has offered to supply 187 tons of structural steel. It is noted that Bahnbedarf does not appear in the orders as the ultimate recipient of the material, which is being purchased through a USIA middleman who receives a commission of five percent on the net purchase price. [redacted] believes that the western Austrian firms supplying this material are not aware that it is being purchased for USIA.
3. The original plans for the sheds for which this material is being purchased** have been altered to permit enlargement of the sheds and adding of windows and ventilators. These sheds, [redacted] will be used as garages for motorized equipment. They are to be shipped to Gasp, from where they will be transshipped to Czechoslovakia, Rumania, and Hungary.

25X1A* [REDACTED] that Hitzinger & Co. is a USIA outlet for electrical equipment and allegedly engages in numerous black-market transactions in western Austria.

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Comment: The transactions covering the purchase of this material
 and the order for the sheds are described in [REDACTED]

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